

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2008**



The general meeting of February 11, 2008 was held at 10:00 a.m. at Jazz Bakery, 3233 Helms Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034.

Present: Barrón, Carlos C. Karabian, Laurel  
Beasley, Arlene "Phoebe" Lyte, Marjorie S.  
Blanning, Ollie Rosen, Ronald  
Clausen, Alis Ruano, Araceli  
Haagen, Betty

Absent: Benitez, Tomas (excused)  
Brooks, Aurelia (excused)  
Judy Galperson (excused)  
Lesnik, Peter (excused)  
Warschaw, Hope (excused)  
Wyman, Rosalind (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
Leslie Ito, Director of Grant Programs  
Ayanna Hudson Higgins, Director of Arts Education and Community Development

Also Present: Ruth Price, President and Artistic Director, Jazz Bakery  
Patrick Collins, Chairman, Jazz Bakery  
Christi Wilkins, Executive Director, Dramatic Results  
Arlene Chikami, Foundation and Government Relations, Film Independent  
Josh Welsh, Director of Talent Development, Film Independent  
James Herr, Director of Diversity, Film Independent  
Michael Winchester, Director of Finance and Operations, Film Independent

Vice President Haagen called the general meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Presentations by OGP 2.5 Applicants

Ms. Ruth Price, President and Artistic Director, and Patrick Collins, Chairman, of Jazz Bakery gave an overview of the history of the organization and its jazz program that showcases both local talent and world-class jazz musicians. Jazz Bakery's OGP request is to enrich their artist lineup with international jazz artists.

Ms. Christi Wilkins, Executive Director of Dramatic Results, gave an overview of the organization and its educational and professional development program. Their OGP request is to support their *Math in a Basket* program by providing teaching artists, who are all basket weavers, with professional development in both basketry and arts integration techniques in accordance with state standards in Arts, Math, Social Studies and Language Arts.

Ms. Arlene Chikami, Foundation and Government Relations of Film Independent, and her colleagues Josh Welsh, Director of Talent Development, James Herr, Director of Diversity, and Michael Winchester, Director of Finance and Operations, gave an

overview of the organization, its mission, and programs that support independent film. Their OGP request is to support *Project:Involve*, an artist mentorship, training, and job placement program for under-represented filmmakers.

#### Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Barrón, seconded by Commissioner Beasley, the excused absences for the meeting of February 11, 2008 were unanimously approved.*

#### Approval of Minutes

*On a motion by Commissioner Rosen, seconded by Commissioner Barrón, the minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2008 were unanimously approved.*

#### Correspondence

None.

#### Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker reported she met with the CEO Bill Fujioka regarding the FY 08/09 budget request. Departments have been asked to do a 2.6% curtailment exercise which is \$209,000 of the Arts Commission's net county cost. The Arts Commission has requested the cut come out of Holiday Celebration Program to be supplemented by the Cable TV Franchise Fund; the alternative option is to take the cut in the OGP program.

Ms. Zucker also reported that former Commissioner Adrienne Hall died on February 2 after a long battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. The family is arranging a memorial service on February 23, 2008 to which all Commissioners will be invited.

Ms. Zucker will prepare a briefing paper on cultural policy issues for candidates running for the upcoming election for the Second District seat that Yvonne B. Burke is vacating.

#### Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Karabian, Chair of the 2008 Nominating Committee, reported the committee met on January 11, 2008 and nominated the following slate of officers for 2008/2009:

Betty Haagen, President  
Araceli Ruano, Vice President  
Ron Rosen, Secretary  
Ollie Blanning, Executive Committee Member  
Rosalind Wyman, Immediate Past President

*A motion was made by Commissioner Karabian, seconded by Commissioner Barrón, and unanimously approved to accept the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee for the new term beginning on April 7, 2008.*

2008 Internship Report

Commissioner Barrón, Chair of the Internship Committee, and Ayanna Hudson Higgins, Director of Arts Education and Community Development, presented funding recommendations for 121 internship positions for the 2008 Internship Program and requested the Commission consider one internship this year that is sited at a home office. This would serve as a test to reconsider the efficacy of the current policy that does not allow internships at home office locations.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Rosen, seconded by Commissioner Karabian, and unanimously approved, to approve the internship grant awards as presented and allow staff to make appropriate deletions or substitutions to the approved list so that a total of 121 internships are granted this year and to approve one internship for Collage Dance Theatre contingent on a staff site visit and close staff monitoring of the internship.*

OGP Disqualifications

Leslie Ito, Director of Grant Programs, reviewed the list of FY08/09-09/10 applicants that have failed to meet eligibility requirements, OGP deadlines, or submitted incomplete applications.

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Blanning, seconded by Commissioner Ruano, and unanimously approved, to waive the disqualifications for La Plaza de la Raza and Santa Clarita Symphony.*

Commissioner Rosen recommended an OGP guideline revision that allows an application be accepted in an OGP category even though it has missed the deadline, as long as it's within a 5-10% differential of the OGP cut off for the total cash revenue in the most recently completed fiscal year. Staff was asked to develop a recommendation for Commission review.

Commissioner Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

*The Arts Commission meeting of February 11, 2008 was adjourned in memory of Adrienne Hall, former Arts Commissioner and patron of the arts, at 12:12 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Haagen, seconded by Commissioner Barrón, and unanimously approved.*